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ABSTRACT

As social work enters its second century, dynamic developments in practice and theory, the richness offered by multiple cultures and groups, and changing political and economic climates are potent forces driving advances in social work knowledge and practice. In the context of this professional evolution, this textbook wrestles with and builds on these exciting strides forward while maintaining the central emphasis on social justice, the sharing of power in practice, and human rights. In this third edition, the authors have collected teachings from some of the profession's most experienced practitioners to prepare graduate students to take on the challenges of the 21st century. Chapters include: (1) "The Ecosystems Perspective: Implications for Practice" (M. A. Mattaini and C. H. Meyer); (2) "Social Justice and International Human Rights" (C. T. Lowery); (3) "Professional Values and Ethics" (B. G. McGowan and M. Mattison); (4) "Diversity, Ethnic Competence, and Social Justice" (C. T. Lowery); (5) "Knowledge for Practice" (M. A. Mattaini); (6) "Monitoring Social Work Practice" (M. A. Mattaini); (7) "Practice with Individuals" (M. A. Mattaini); (8) "Social Work with Families" (C. T. Lowery); (9) "Practice with Groups" (R. H. Magen); (10) "Practice with Communities" (S. P. Kemp and E. Scanlon); (11) "Practice with Organizations" (M. Hanson); (12) "Generalist Practice: People and Programs" (M. A. Mattaini); (13) "Fields of Practice" (S. B. Kamerman); and (14) "The Profession in Historical Context" (J. R. Cates). Appendixes contain the NASW Code of Ethics, Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and Sample Classroom Exercises. Each chapter contains extensive references. (GCP)

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